

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 04205

SECDEF FOR DSAA AND ASD/ISA/SA/IA, USSOUTHCOM FOR SCSA

E.O. 11652: GDS-84  
TAGS: MASS, XX  
SUBJECT: FY78 FMS CREDIT FOR PANAMA

REF: (A) STATE MESSAGE 012271 DTG 171451Z JAN 78,  
SUBJECT: FY1978 FMS FINANCING PROGRAMS, (B) PANAMA  
MESSAGE 03815 DTG 3LL826Z MAY 1978, SUBJECT: PANAMA FACES  
INCREASING PUBLIC DEBT PROBLEM.

1. PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD HAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED USMILGP PANAMA THAT PANAMA APPRECIATES BUT WILL NOT ACCEPT ONE MILLION DOLLAR FY78 FMS CREDIT OFFERED BY REFTEL (A) IN SAME LETTER, NATIONAL GUARD ADVISED IT IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF TWO EXCESS LCM (HULL NUMBERS 8077 AND 8315) CURRENTLY LOCATED AT FORT DAVIS, CANAL ZONE.
2. NO PARTICULAR POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ASCRIBED TO EITHER OF THESE ACTIONS. ALTHOUGH MILGP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THE BACKGROUND OF THEM, INFORMAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY ARE MOST PROBABLY SIMPLY A SHORT-RANGE CONSEQUENCE OF GOP FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, AS DESCRIBED REFTEL (B). JORDEN

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